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SUBJECT: LATEST FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

REF: STATE 013094

1. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING WHICH WOULD LEAD CONFIRMATION TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S LATEST "UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE" THAT ADDITIONAL EXECUTIONS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL HAD TAKEN PLACE. WE ALSO HAVE NOT HEARD ENNALS' REPORT THAT 15 HAD BEEN "RECENTLY EXECUTED" IN COMILLA.

2. AS HAS BEEN REPORTED IN SEVERAL CHANNELS OUR BEST ESTIMATE, DRAW FROM SOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY AS A WHOLE, IS THAT 217 MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE EXECUTED IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER EVENTS. WE THINK IT IS POSSIBLE THAT 30-34 OF THESE MAY HAVE BEEN EXECUTED PRIOR TO FORMALIZATION OF MILITARY COURTS. AS WE HAVE REPORTED COURTS WERE CONSTITUTED UNDER EXISTING MILITARY JUSTICE REGULATIONS AND INCLUDED OFFICERS, JUNIOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS.

3. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING OF DEPARTMENT COULD ASCERTAIN
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WHO "USUALLY RELIABLE" SOURCES USED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ARE. WE SUSPECT (ESPECIALLY FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH ANOTHER GROUP, THE OXFORD COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH ASIA) THAT THESE ARE PRIMARILY JSD SYMPHATHIZERS IN LONDON WHO OBVIOUSLY HAVE AN AX TO GRIND.
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